

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 300

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Allan and Bea Brown upon their receipt of the 2016 Blanche W. Grady Community Service Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially honor those estimable community leaders who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, two such estimable people are Allan and Bea Brown, longtime civic and church volunteers of the Camp Creek community, who were honored with the 2016 Blanche W. Grady Community Service Award on November 17, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Blanche W. Grady Community Service Award was established in 1996 by Greeneville businessman and philanthropist Scott M. Niswonger, his wife, Nikki, and his mother, the late Sharon Niswonger, to recognize unsung heroes of community service who quietly go about their mission with little fanfare; the award was named in honor of family friend Blanche W. Grady, a longtime local educator and community volunteer who died in 2012; and

WHEREAS, community-spirited individuals, Allan Brown is a retired accountant, and Bea Brown is a retired educator who spent much of her thirty-year teaching career at Camp Creek Elementary School; they have a deep dedication to their faith, their family, and to anyone who needs help, no matter the circumstance; and

WHEREAS, following the 2011 tornadoes that struck the Camp Creek and Horse Creek communities, Allan and Bea Brown were the epicenter of support for those affected and assisting with recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Wayne Bettis and members of the Camp Creek Ruritan Club, and Free Will Baptist Family Ministries worked for more than two years following

the tornadoes to establish a medical clinic in the Camp Creek community; the clinic operates out of a mobile unit located across from the Family Ministries main campus and Camp Creek Elementary School. A permanent structure is under construction with a projected completion date of May 2017; and

WHEREAS, Allan and Bea Brown have attained the respect and admiration of their fellow citizens and their community and are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Allan and Bea Brown upon receipt of the 2016 Blanche W. Grady Community Service Award and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.